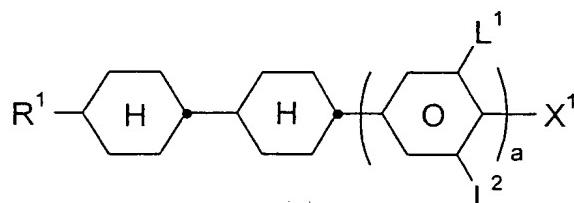


Abstract

The invention relates to a liquid-crystalline medium based on a mixture of polar compounds of positive dielectric anisotropy, characterised in that it comprises one or more compounds of the formula I

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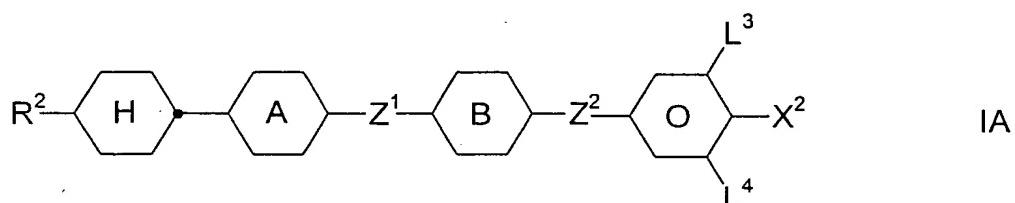
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and one or more compounds of the formula IA

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in which R^1 , R^2 , ring A, ring B, L^{1-4} , Z^1 , Z^2 , X^1 , X^2 and a are as defined in Claim 1,

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where the proportion of the compounds of the formula I in the medium is at least 18% by weight.

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